



## LANGUAGE LEARNING - EASIER

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region	social	increased	work	multiple

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### Follow-up & Discussion Questions

1. They say "Languages open doors". How do you feel about this saying?
2. At what age do you think your children should learn a second language?
3. Do you think it's a good idea to study a 3rd language in high school?
4. Can you tell the difference between British and American English?
5. Can you tell the difference between German and Dutch?
6. If you were to have a foreign daughter or son-in-law, which nationality would you prefer him/her to be?

## Teacher's Key

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